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SUBJECT: RENEWALS OF US-USSR TRANSPORTATION (05.00)

AND OCEANS (06.00) BILATERALS

1. METAL'NIKOV INFORMED SCICOUNS JUNE 12 THAT SCHEDULED MEETING WITH HIM AND AYKAZYAN COULD NOT TAKE PLACE THIS DAY BECAUSE MFA HAS NOT YET PROVIDED FORMAL CLEARANCES. HE ADDED, IN HIS CHARACTERISTIC FASHION, "HOWEVER, THE MFA MUST AGREE WITH YOUR PROPOSALS." METAL'NIKOV SUGGESTED THAT A MEETING BE ARRANGED ON FRIDAY, JUNE 16, TO WHICH SCICOUNS RESPONDED BY NOTING THAT MODALITIES OF EXTENSION MUST BE CONSIDERED SOONER IN VIEW OF EXPIRATION OF BOTH AGREEMENTS JUNE 19. METAL'NIKOV AGREED INDICATING HE WOULD CHECK WITH AYKAZYAN AND TRY TO ARRANGE FOR A MEETING AT EARLIEST POSSIBLE MOMENT.

2. EMBASSY NOTED THAT FORMAL RENEWAL OF THE TRANSPORTATION BILATERAL BEFORE JUNE 19 EXPIRATION DATE PRACTICALLY IS EXCLUDED. WE SUGGEST AN INTERIM EXTENSION UNTIL JOINT COMMISSION CAN MEET AND RENEWAL BE FORMALIZED (ASSUMING THAT

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SOVIETS WILL ACCEPT TWO YEAR RENEWAL PROPOSAL). THE EMBASSY PROPOSES THAT THE EXTENSION OF THE TRANSPORTATION BILATERAL BE ACCOMPLISHED BY AN EXCHANGE OF NOTES BETWEEN THE EMBASSY AND THE MFA. WE SUGGEST THE FOLLOWING TEXT FOR DISCUSSION WITH AYKAZYAN THIS WEEK. "NOTING THAT THE US-USSR AGREEMENT ON COOPERATION IN TRANSPORTATION WILL

TERMINATE JUNE 19,1978, AND FORMAL EXTENSION OF
THIS AGREEMENT FOR A PERIOD OF TWO YEARS CANNOT
BE ACCOMPLISHED BEFORE THE TERMINATION DATE.
THE UNITED STATES PROPOSES THAT THE AGREEMENT BE
EXTENDED WITHOUT CHANGE FOR A PERIOD OF ONE HUNDRED
AND FIFTY DAYS, OR UNTIL SUCH TIME WHEN IT IS
FORMALLY EXTENDED, WHICHEVER IS LESS. DURING THIS
PERIOD, THE UNITED STATES PROPOSES THAT DISCUSSIONS
BE CONCLUDED CONCERNING THE FORMAL EXTENSION FOR A
PERIOD OF TWO YEARS OF THIS AGREEMENT. IF THE
SOVIET UNION AGREES TO THIS PROCEDURE, YOUR NOTE
IN REPLY WILL CONSTITUTE AN AGREEMENT TO THIS
EFFECT." TOON

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